(b) if so, the details thereof together with background *tor* such a step;

(c) whether this strike has been deferred for some time;

(d), if so, the details thereof with conditions for such deferment;

(e) whether the INTOC have some demands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with steps to be taken to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP TUB MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The All India Working Com mittee of the INTUC in its meeting held on May 14—15, 1994 resolved to resort to. 2. day's token strike on July 14, 1994 in case the Government failed to take effective steps to settle some of trie important outstanding issues listed below:

1. Pension Scheme,
2. Raising of Bonus ceiling,
3. Finalising the DA slab for public sector employees,
4. Bringing all employees under PF coverage,
5. Increased PF contribution for workers io. the textle industry,
6. Appointment of 2nd National Cotmmiesion on Labour,
7. Labour Cell in the Planning Cimmission, and
8. Revival of sick units.

A Labour Cell has since been set up in the- Planning Commission. The issues relating to otheer demands are stilt tinder consideration at various stags In a meeting the INTUC Iea- ders- expressed their satjsfatefion with the effective steps taken by the Mini-story of Labour and decided to defer- ttaa'proposed strike for a period of three months

National Safety Awaras to institutions

840. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) Whether some National Safety AfttaNfe and. Vishwakarfife' Awards were presented to some institutions in the recent past;

(b) if so, the Retails thereof toget her with the background and criteria fixed for such awards;

(c) whether some of these awards were given for increasing efficiency, produetivity^and making imp-no vemenfe etc.;

(d) if so, the names of recepienteoff these awards where the efficiency, productivity and improvements have been made;

(e) whether such factors as in (c) above are of International level; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The information is available in the Parliament library under, refer- ence/Call No.-—929. 8RN4,

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information is available in the Parliament library under refer- encelCall No—929.8RN4.

• (e) and (4) The factors for which Vishwakarma Rashtriya Purashkar art given are critical for orgnisational im- provement and they are intended to motivate and irivove the workers for contributing to *the* overall organisa- tional develoomenf Definite Information is not available but! these factors: might also be the basis for recognising and motivating the workers in other countries who- have contributed to the overall development 0* respective organisations

Non-payment of P. F. contribution

.841 *SYED SIBTEY* RAZI: Will file Minister oil LABOUR be pleased to state:

-[!](a) whether Govemment propose to make non-payment of contribution to-

wards provident fund by an employer a cognisable offence;

(:b) if so, what are the details thertof;

(c) whether Government also pro pose to detail with such defaulters in some other ways; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Offences relating to default in payment of contribution by the empoyer is already cognizable offence under section 14-AB of the Employees' Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952.

(c) and (d) Cases of default are dealt *as* per provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The administrative and penal provisions include levy of damages extending upto the amount) of arrears recovery proceeding including attachment and sale of property and prosecutions in Courts of Law.

Committee on non-payment of provident fund contribution

842 SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

fa) whether a Committee constituted to go into the massive default of Provident; Fund payments has proposed some measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take, some steps to implement these measures to reduce mounting recoveries of Provident Fund;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Committeee has also made some other recommendations;

(f) if so. the details} thereof;

(g) whether Government propose to lake some steps to implement these recommendations; and

(h.) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons 1-herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF I THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR | (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (h) The sub-committee- of the Consultative Committee of Parlia-! ment for the Ministryy of Labour has j made certain recommendations (for expediting recovery of the E*PP* & [1] ESI dues. The major recommendations inter-alia relate to making, *noa-pay*-menfi of the EPF|ESI dues a -ion-tail-able offence, non-payment of the employer's shave a criminal bleach, of trust; deposit of 75 per cent olf the amount *as* compulsory before the employer seeks judicial intervention; setting up of speda courts etc. The j Government Ira deeded to have the i report first considered by the ESI j corporation and the Central Eoard of Trustees; EPF.

Implementing the Code of Wages

843. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to stafe:

(a) whether Government propose to have a uniform code for wages throught India;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of organised and unorganised labourers in India; and

(d) the steps being taken by Gov-overnent to rectify the social inequa-| lities among labour classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The issue of [formulating a uniform national wage policy has been, considered by the several bodies in the past. It was considered that such a policy in, the sense of uniform minimum moneatry remuneration for tht coun-
try as a whole is neither feasible nor desirable..

(c) The distributions of workers in the organised and un-organised sector was not collected during 1991 census. The details are available